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SUBJECT: DARWIN CYCLONE EVACUATION STUDY

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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED STUDY TO BE CONDUCTED BY FDAA TEAM FOR YOUR TRANSMITTAL TO DEPARTMENT OF NORTHERN TERRITORY.

2. MAJOR OBJECTIVES OF STUDY ARE: (A) MAGNITUDE AND LOGISTICS OF EVACUATION; (B) SOCIO-BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED AND THEIR SOLUTIONS; (C) IMPACTS OF EVACUATION ON DARWIN AND ITS RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS; AND (D) ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING FOR EVACUATION.

3. THE QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BY PROPOSED STUDY ARE:

A. EVACUATION

1. WHAT FACTORS (E.G. GEOGRAPHIC, LOGISTIC, ECONOMIC) SHAPED THE DECISION TO EVACUATE THE HOMELESS?

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2. WAS THERE ANY PRE-DISASTER PLAN FOR AN EVACUATION? IF

SO, WAS IT IMPLEMENTED?

3. DID COMMONWEALTH, TERRITORY OR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ORDER EVACUATION? IF SO, HOW WAS THAT AUTHORITY USED AND BY WHOM?

4. WHAT WERE LOGISTICS OF EVACUATION (E.G. ACTUAL NUMBER OF PERSONS AFFECTED, MODES OF EVACUATION, DESTINATIONS OF EVACUEES, FACILITIES REQUIRED TO PROCESS EVACUEES AT EVACUATION LOCATIONS, ACCOMMODATIONS PROVIDED TO EVACUEES AT SUCH LOCATIONS, INCLUDING NUMBER OF SITES?)

5. HOW MANY HOMELESS WERE CARED FOR WITHIN DARWIN AND ITS IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS? WHAT KIND OF ACCOMMODATIONS WERE THEY PROVIDED (E.G. TENTS, MASS FACILITIES, INDIVIDUAL UNITS SUCH AS VACANT HOUSES, APARTMENTS, HOTELS, MOTELS, MOBILE HOMES, CAMPERS?)

6. IF ACCOMMODATIONS WERE BROUGHT TO DARWIN TO CARE FOR THE HOMELESS, WHAT TYPES WERE USED, WHENCE DID THEY COME AND BY WHAT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION?

7. WHAT WERE SERIOUS PROBLEMS (IF ANY) ENCOUNTERED IN EVACUATING SUCH A LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS (E.G. DELAYS, ACCIDENTS, CASUALTIES?)

8. WHAT SOCIO-BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS AROSE AMONG HOMELESS AND EVACUEES (E.G. GREAT ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, DISORIENTATION, PANIC?)

9. HOW LONG DID PROBLEMS PERSIST (E.G. HOURS, DAYS, WEEKS?)

10. WERE ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR DISADVANTAGED GROUPS (MINORS, OLD, CRIPPLED, CHRONICALLY ILL?)

11. WERE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO KEEP FAMILY UNITS INTACT? WHAT WERE THEY AND HOW SUCCESSFUL WERE THEY?

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12. WHAT POSSESSIONS, IF ANY, WERE EVACUEES PERMITTED TO TAKE WITH THEM?

13. WHAT LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED EVACUATION? WHAT CRITERIA WERE USED TO DETERMINE DESTINATION OF EVACUEES? WHO ESTABLISHED SUCH CRITERIA?

14. WHAT WAS ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING REQUIREMENT, INCLU-

DING STAFFING AND PERSONNEL, FOR EVACUATION?

15. UNDER WHAT PROGRAM OR LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY WAS EVACUATION CONDUCTED?

16. WHAT WAS IMPACT OF EVACUATION ON ECONOMIC LIFE OF DARWIN (E.G. EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, TAX RECEIPTS, TAX BASIS, SHORTAGES)? WHAT LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT TOOK WHAT TYPE OF ACTION TO COUNTERACT IMPACT?

B. RECONSTRUCTION

1. WHAT EFFECTS,IF ANY, DID EVACUATION HAVE ON RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS (POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS?)

2. WHAT WAS ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE EVACUATION ON DIFFERENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC GROUPS?

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